



Environmental Health Specialist

Department: Utilities

Class Code: 6721

EEO Code: 22

FLSA: N

Effective: 01/11/1997

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

Under general supervision; performs work of moderate difficulty in protecting the public health and safety of citizens through the enforcement of rules, regulations and laws; and performs other work as required.

SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

Typical program areas include tourist establishments, food service establishments, rabies prevention, non-community water supplies, general environmental issues, migrant labor/migrant housing, and family day care facilities. Investigates and responds to general environmental and other public health complaints; conducts standardized inspections of food service establishments on a regular basis and takes necessary enforcement action; performs duties as needed to support the rabies program, such as placing animals under quarantine, transporting specimens, and advising citizens about animal bites, exposure to potentially rabid animals, and laboratory results; evaluates sanitary conditions of swimming pools and spas, advises operators on water quality issues, and takes necessary corrective action; investigates food borne outbreaks; conducts training programs for food service workers; collects water samples as needed; analyzes complaints related to milk distributors; provides food service surveillance at state and county fairs and special events; conducts inspections at tourist establishments, group care providers and migrant labor/migrant housing; and performs other work as required.

REQUIRED SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

Considerable knowledge of food sanitation principles and practices; of microbiology and its relationship to food borne disease; of epidemiology. Good knowledge of federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations; of civil and criminal actions; of educational principles; of public health principles and practices.

Ability to explain and interpret detailed and complex rules and regulations; to communicate effectively with the public; to prepare thorough and accurate documentation of violations and corrective actions; to read, interpret and apply policies and regulations; and to work in adverse weather and unsanitary/unsafe conditions.

MINIMUM EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Bachelor's degree in environmental health or a physical science and one year of experience in food service or other health inspections; or equivalent combination of training and experience.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

None.

<p>This class specification is not intended to describe and does not necessarily list the essential job functions for a given position in a classification.</p>
